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(Case No. 99,186)

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In the Application of:

Berghofer et al.

Serial No.: 09/319,108

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For: Sulphinic Acid Derivatives, Method for
Producing Them, and Their Use

Examiner: J. Hardee

Group Art Unit: 1751

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 25, 2000

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office
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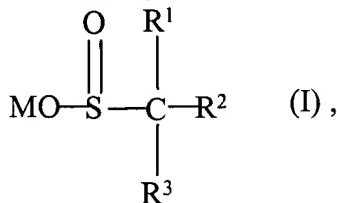
AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 7-9, 13, 14 and 19 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A sulfinic acid compound of the formula (I)



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